

Appln No. 09/982,984

Amdt date March 18, 2004

Reply to Office action of February 25, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending.

In the present Final Office action (February 25, 2004) and the previous Office action (August 21, 2003), claims 1-30 were rejected on the grounds of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,459,196, claims 1-30 were rejected on the grounds of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,160,344. Claims 1-30 were provisionally rejected on the grounds of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-4 of co-pending application no. 09/918,634; and claims 1-30 were provisionally rejected on the grounds of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-27 of co-pending application no. 09/983,003.

In their Response of November 21, 2003, Applicants filed four suitable terminal disclaimers for each respective rejection. However, apparently, only one of the terminal disclaimers was received by the Examiner. Applicants herewith enclose a copy of an Amendment Transmittal Letter, Amendment, four Terminal Disclaimer Cover Sheets, four Terminal Disclaimers, copies of four checks for \$110 covering the statutory fee, and copy of returned Acknowledge Receipt that were mailed to the Patent Office on November 21, 2003.

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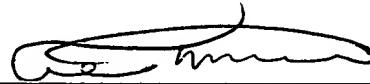
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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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